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Element of a Cooking Appliance**

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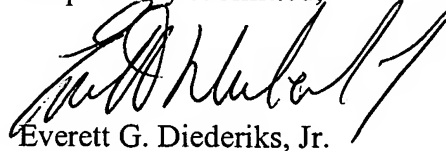
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### U.S. Patent Documents

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